(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the fee of Indian Institutes of Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for fee increase by IITs when they are fully funded by the Union Government;

(d) whether Government proposes to agree to the proposal of IITs, in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Standing Committee of the IIT Council (SCIC) in its meeting held on 11.02.2008, have recommended for revision of tuition fee for B.Tech. and M.Tech. courses in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) as follows:

B.Tech. — Rs. 25,000 per semester, *i.e.* Rs. 50,000 per year.

M.Tech. — Rs. 25,000 per semester, *i.e.* Rs. 50,000 per year (with a fee waiver of Rs. 20,000 per semester for non sponsored candidates)

Fee structure of the IITs has remained static over a considerable period of time and is subsidized as compared to the cost of education in these Institutes. However, it has been specifically emphasized that in no case the increase in fees would have any adverse impact on the weaker sections of students.

Mark evaluation system of JEE

2848. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institute of Technology has furnished different versions of marks evaluation to Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) candidates which resulted in deprivation of admission in IITs to deserving candidates;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the concerned IITs for creating mess in this regard;

(d) whether Government proposes to simplify the exam procedure and marks awarding system of JEE, so as to benefit all the stratas of society; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Government has already simplified the exam procedure from Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) 2006 onwards. Entrance Examination has been reduced from two Stages to single stage consisting of two objective type question papers each of three hours' duration and each consisting of separate sections in physics, chemistry and mathematics.